

What is claimed is:

1. A process of checking the authorization and authenticity of an application provided by a user, comprising:
 - authenticating an application authentication file against a domain
 - 5 administrator's public membership key;
 - hashing an application executable;
 - comparing the application hash result to an authentication hash contained in the application authentication file;
 - denying services to the application if the application hash and the
 - 10 authentication hash do not match;
 - decoding configuration assignments in the application authentication file if the application hash and the authentication hash match;
 - comparing the decoded configuration assignments to the user's
 - 15 configuration assignments;
 - providing services to the application if the result of the decode is favorable; and
 - denying services to the application if the result of the decode is not favorable.